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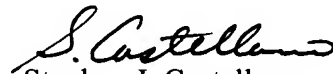
The amendment filed on May 8, 2006 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because applicant had previously elected Fig. 7A (serrated strap ends) and claim 1, the only remaining independent claim, states that a pair of mounting ends are insertable into mounting holes and turnable to overlie the mounting holes (the configuration of Fig. 6 and 7), the serrated strap ends are not turnable within the mounting holes.

It is noted that in applicant's response to restriction filed November 18, 2005 that applicant states since Fig. 7A is a variant of Fig. 7 that the elected group included Fig. 6, 7 and 7A. This conclusive remark is in error. Only Fig. 7A was elected.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen J. Castellano whose telephone number is 571-272-4535. The examiner can normally be reached on increased flexibility plan (IFP).

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